

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Haruyuki MIZUNO et al.

Serial No. 09/937,482

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Confirmation No. 9656

Docket No. 2001-1209A

Group Art Unit 1712

Examiner Christopher M. Keehan

CERAMIC PRODUCT USED WITH
WATER AND METHOD OF STAIN
RESISTANT TREATMENT THEREFOR

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 12, 2002, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 7, please replace the paragraphs spanning line 17 through page 8, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

The number of alkyl groups is preferably larger than the number of carbon fluoride groups when the stain resistant agent contains a terminal carbon fluoride group combining with the silicon-containing functional group and a terminal alkyl group combining with said silicon-containing functional group. Results of experiments conducted by the inventors show that the stain resistant agent does not contain only perfluoroalkylsilane. Consequently, the stain resistant agent has high lipstick stain and wear resistances.

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